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SEASON'S GREETINGS

ONE YEAR IN OFFICE MARKS MILESTONE FOR PREMIER STROM

The first Alberta-born premier, the Honorable Harry E. Strom, was sworn into office on December 12, 1968 after being elected leader at the Alberta Social Credit Party Convention in Edmonton, December 6, 1968.

A tall, friendly man who has represented the southeastern Alberta Constituency of Cypress since 1955, he became Minister of Agriculture in 1962 and Minister of Municipal Affairs in 1968. As first chairman of the Human Resources Development Authority, he had played a key role in the new thrust of the Manning administration.

A farmer, Mr. Strom has a lengthy record of public service as a municipal councillor in his 20's, has served on school boards, member of Development Board, director of Rural Electrification Association, president of the Home and School Association, president of the Agricultural Improvement Association, member of the South Alberta Water Conservation Association, and director of the Western Canada Reclamation Association.

Mr. Strom's farming activity is a well-rounded one, including grain, irrigation crops such as sugar beets, and a livestock operation involving commercial feeder stock.

Mr. Strom is a member of the Board of Deacons of the Evangelical Free Church. As an active member of his community, he has served on many other organizations and



thoughtful person. The editor of the Alberta Business Journal has referred to his "ability to strike an immediate responsive note in conversation with almost anyone . . . unquestionably this homely ability to make a stranger feel like an old friend in a one-minute conversation won a lot of votes among the Socred delegates who named him Alberta's Premier."

While a firm believer in free enterprise, Mr. Strom realizes that the free enterprise system must adapt itself to meet new conditions and times — especially the growing demand for social services.

He is also a strong believer in the team approach to government and the necessity to consult a broad range of people before making policy.

Born at Burdett, Alberta, July 7th 1914 of Swedish immigrants parents, Nels and Elna Strom. The Stoms had moved to Alberta in 1909 from Minnesota at the time of the great Land Rush. There were eleven children with Premier Strom in the centre of five brothers and five sisters.

Mr. Strom has been happily married for 30 years and he and his wife, Ruth, have six children, three of whom are in professional careers and three of whom are still at home. They live in Edmonton. An active sportsman, Mr. Strom enjoys skiing and other outdoor sports.

LIGHTED TREE FIRST FOUND IN GERMANY

Some historians trace the lighted Christmas tree back to Germany in 1546, or before.

However, the use of candles apparently did not at once become firmly established as a decoration because mention of the Christmas tree custom in Germany a century later does not refer to lights. From 1700 on, when lights were accepted as part of the decorations, the Christmas tree was well on its way to becoming a tradition in Europe.

During the American Revolution the tradition of the Christmas tree crossed the Atlantic with the Hessian soldiers. However, the practice did not gain much headway on this side of the Atlantic until about the middle of the nineteenth century.

TREE LEGEND

Today, the Christmas tree is a centre of our festivities. Topped with a star, and glittering with lights and ornaments, it is a part of the beauty and meaning of the season.

How did the Christmas tree come to play such an important part in the observance of Christmas?

There is a legend that comes down to us from the early days of Christianity in England. One of those helping to spread Christianity among the Druids was a monk named Wilfred (later Saint Wilfred). One day, surrounded by a group of his converts, he struck down a huge oak tree, which, in the Druid religion, was an object of worship.

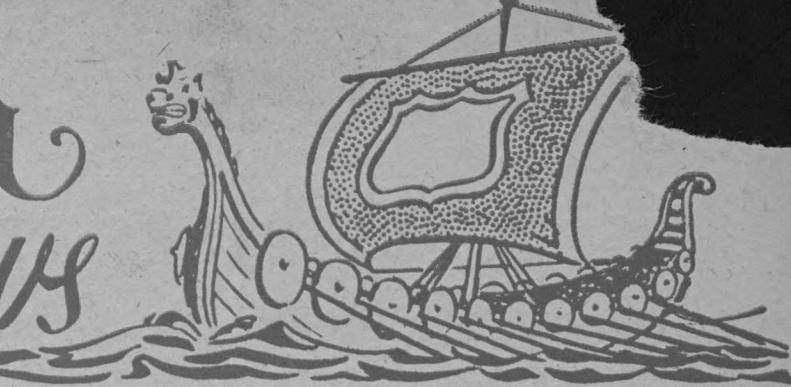
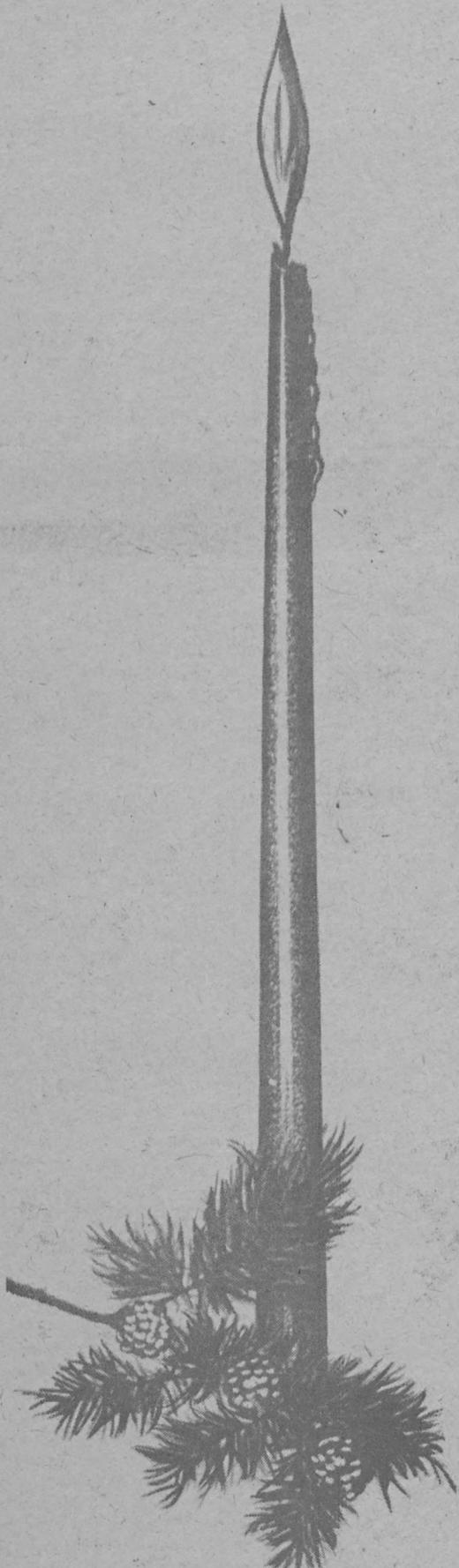
SPLIT IN FOUR

As the oak tree fell to the earth

it split into four pieces, and from its centre there grew a young fir tree, pointing a green spire toward the sky. The crowd gazed in amazement.

Wilfred let his axe drop, and said: "This little tree shall be your Holy Tree tonight. It is the wood of peace, for your houses are built of the fir. It is the sign of an endless life, for its leaves are evergreen. See how it points towards the heavens. Let this be called the tree of the Christ Child. Gather about it, not in the wilderness, but in your homes. There it will be surrounded with loving gifts and rites of kindness."

And to this day, that is why the fir tree is one of our loveliest symbols of Christmas.



SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

NEW YEARS DANCE —

As in the past, the entire building is reserved for the New Year's Ball. This is our 'social event' of the season and is renowned for its delicious smorgasbord. We will have first class Scandinavian music by Helge Erickson's orchestra and the big dinner after midnight is by Stella's Catering.

If you want to bring the New Year in right, call now and reserve your tickets. They are available from the following board members. Please pick them up and pay for them before December 15th. This party will be limited to 250 people.

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ANNUAL MEETING —

The annual meeting is always held on the third Tuesday in February. The next year's annual meeting will be on the 16th of February, 1970. We would like a good turnout. Mark this date on your new calendar and make it a point to attend.

RADIO PROGRAMS —

Listen to the very informative 'Scandinavian Hour' every other Sunday at 4:20 p.m. on radio station CKUA (580) hosted by Olaf Sveen.

Also the 'Scandinavian Show' at 10:30 A.M. every Saturday on radio station CFCW (790) hosted by Dale Smith. The Scandinavian Centre Report is heard on this program at approximately 11:25 A.M. This report gives all the pertinent information from the Centre such as visitors from afar, recent parties and receptions, coming social events and general news of interest of Scandinavians. The report will be given by Claus Jacobsen in December and Gunnar Thorvaldson in January.

SCANDAPADES —

Your ticket for Scandapades 70 will include the dance and it is still the same price as last year. The Scandinavian dance music will also enhance the food fair which made such a hit last year.

COMMENT --

Dear Mrs. Nielsen:

After having received the Scandinavian Centre News for about 3 years I think it is about time that I chip in a few dollars to help keep the paper going so please accept my cheque for six dollars and I hope that you don't have to wait so long for the next one.

Very truly yours,

F. H. WALLIN
P.O. Box 551
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Dear Mrs. Nielsen,

Please find enclosed a money order for five dollars (\$5.00) as a contribution to the Scandinavian Centre News.

Thank you.

I remain yours truly,
GUST JOHNSON,
Edmonton.

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AND BEST WISHES

from

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and

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CHRISTMAS IS --

Christmas is an old house on an old street.

Snow drifting in the drive.

Children bundled in the car.

Church in the early light.

Christmas is the sound of small voices.

Crumpled paper.

A clown that turns somersaults.

A chocolate elf melting in your vest pocket.

Christmas is new books open on the dark coffee table.

Romper Room on the record player.

A wind-up toy whirring under the chesterfield.

Christmas is windows steamed in a hot kitchen.

A long white table.

Red firecrackers.

Silver gleaming in the candlelight.

Christmas is the manger scene,

home-made, tucked under a branch of the tree.

Jesus. Mary. Joseph.

Christmas is sitting down at the table

and remembering Biafra, Vietnam.

Martin Luther King, Robert Francis Kennedy.

Christmas is the happiness you

wish everybody had.

Christmas is a gift.

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Christmas Seals Originate in Denmark

MANY people express their generosity at Christmas time by extending a helping hand through the purchase of seals. A Danish postal clerk thought up the idea in 1904 as a way to raise funds for a tubercular children's hospital. The idea soon spread throughout Europe when a Red Cross official received a letter bearing one of the stamps. The idea was adopted quickly as a means of raising money for its campaign against tuberculosis.

VASA LODGE SKANDIA



Vasa Lodge Skandia held their monthly meeting in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre on Saturday, November 1. Chairman Peter Johnson opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

The Charter was draped and one minute of silence observed in memory of Sister Margaret Tweter who passed away on October 30.

Members reported as sick were Earl Erickson, John Jarret, Gust Lundgren, Milda Backstrom, Carol Banks, and Minnie Nelson.

Lennart Petersson reported that the Smorgasbord had been very successful, although the crowd was smaller than usual. Betty Pearson thanked everyone for their donations and help.

The Children's Club is back into the swing of things. Their first meeting was held Sunday, November 16 at 1:00 p.m. in the Scandinavian Centre. Co-ordinator Gertie Holmgren is responsible for the programs which the children will be learning. Verna Larson is in charge of the singing, Joan Petersen the dancing, and May Kurtz the handicrafts. Music this year is being provided by Gerald Bergquist and his accordion. It is hoped that all Lodge members will participate in the new program by supporting the co-ordinator when called upon. The young people are interested in Sweden and Swedish culture, so share your knowledge with them.

Our singing group is still practicing and looking for new voices. Anyone interested in participating can contact Gertie Holmgren.

The Land Committee has accepted the challenge of the Sports Club to match their contribution towards the purchase of stacking chairs for the Club House at Vasa Park. The Land Committee is also hoping that someone will come up with a new name for our property at Pigeon Lake before Spring. All suggestions will be considered.

Eric Engvall has some Swedish Advent Calendars for sale for \$1.00 each. Phone Eric at 479-1362 to reserve your copy.

Greetings from Inge Lindström were brought from Sweden by Alma Samielsen. Inge hopes to see you all next summer.

Smorgasbord was featured after the meeting courtesy of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Before Bingo started, two of four members were surprised to find themselves as guests of honor. Magnus and Betty Pearson will have been married 50 years this month. As they are spending several weeks with their family, an early celebration was necessary. Evelyn Modin had written a poem to commemorate some events in Magnus and Betty's lives. A cake, cut by Betty was served.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, December 6

7:00 p.m. — Regular monthly meeting of Vasa Lodge Skandia will be held in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre. The Ladies' Auxiliary will host Christmas Celebrations after the meeting.

Sunday, December 21

2:00 p.m. — The Children's Club will hold their Children's Party in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre. There will be entertainment for the children as well as Santa making an appearance. All Vasa members and families are welcome.

Saturday, January 10

7:00 p.m. — Regular monthly meeting of Vasa Lodge Skandia will be held in the Dania Room of the Scandinavian Centre.

VASA GLIMPSES

Congratulations to Knut Engstrom who received a "Driver of the Day" award during the recent safe driving campaign.

Fae Johnson's new address is Suite 103, 9927 - 114 St.

Pastor and Mrs. Lindquist send greetings to all their friends in Edmonton. The Lindquists are now residing in Kenora, Ontario.

Greetings are also sent from Grand Master Bertil Winstrom to all his friends.

Margaret Eliasson was the guest of her brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. E. Eliasson in Lacombe.

Congratulations to Mrs. Winquist on the occasion of her 60th birthday. A dinner party was held in her honor at her daughter's, Mrs. Violet Watson. A gift of money was presented.

One hundred and fifty people were on hand to celebrate the 75th birthday of Martha Hokanson with cocktails, dinner and dancing. The party, hosted by her three children, Carl, Ernest and Irene, was held in the Ridgeway Hall, Coquitlam, B.C. on October 25th.

People from out-of-town included her nephew and family — Mr. and Mrs. Lars Leffler, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Erickson, Spokane, Washington; son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hokanson, Mrs. Mary Pearson, Edmonton, Alberta; grandson and wife — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hokanson, Lacombe, Alberta; granddaughter and husband — Mr. and Mrs. Brent Olsen, Kelowna, B.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Ole Swanson, Mission, B.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Ozzie

Hincks, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Alf Whiting, Gibsons, B.C.

Highlight of the evening was a "This is Your Life" episode M.C.'d by Mr. M. McCormick, giving details of Martha's life, having each child, grandchild, and great grandchild come to the stage in order of birth and marriage.

Many beautiful gifts, flowers and congratulatory telegrams were received. A gold watch was presented to Martha from her family. A \$150 gift certificate was presented on behalf of neighbours and friends. It was, indeed, a gala evening, enjoyed by all.

The Christmas Season is fast approaching, so to each and everyone of you a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

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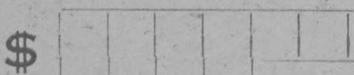
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Scandinavian History and Culture Probed

The second of two discussions on the Norwegian Program, Radio CKUA, Oct. 19, 1969.

When we think of Vikings, we usually think of them as operating in Western and Northern Europe, but they also went south and east. These people were called east Vikings and they established trade routes.

Today I have with me Dr. Charles Bourassa of the University of Alberta, and I am going to ask him some questions about this:

Mr. Sveen:
Who did they trade with?

Dr. Bourassa:
In Viking times trade was carried out with two great powers. The eastern Roman Empire represented by Constantinople — which the Norsemen referred to as the 'great city' of Miklagard, and with Arab nations in such cities as Baghdad.

Mr. Sveen:
How did they reach those areas?

Dr. Bourassa:
Unlike the Viking expeditions to the west, the east Vikings could not sail the seas, but instead travelled by various rivers often carrying their boats overland and finally sailing down the Black Sea to Constantinople or down the Caspian Sea to reach the Arabs. And sometimes they travelled with camel caravans to finally reach Baghdad.

The major rivers that were used were the Volga, to reach the Caspian Sea and Dnieper to reach the Black Sea. One of the major routes to the Dnieper left from Lake Ladoga and travelled through Novgorod and Kiev. Other routes started at various points along the eastern Baltic but eventually reached Kiev on the Dnieper river.

Mr. Sveen:
Then Kiev and Novgorod must have been major trade centers. How did these cities come to be founded?

Dr. Bourassa:
The matter is not entirely clear. The Swedes and Gotlanders were evidently in the eastern Baltic before Viking times. Probably both as traders and to extract tribute from the Slavs. The Guta Saga tells of the Gotlanders making lasting peace with the Swedes and they seem to have worked together on the Baltic area. In any case it is said in the "Russian Primary Chronicle" that the Swedes were driven out, but later, when there was no peace between tribes, they were asked to return. At this time Novgorod was established, and it is also said that other Norsemen travelling down the Dnieper found a small city paying tribute to the Khazars and after gathering a large force took control of the town and the surrounding area, and thus established Kiev.

Later, toward the end of the 9th century, Oleg, king of Novgorod, seized Kiev and declared that it would be mother of the Russian cities.

However it came about it does seem that both Novgorod and Kiev were founded by Norsemen. It is also of interest that the Norsemen in this area were called Rus, probably from the Finnish word for the Swedes, and this resulted in the entire area being called Russia. (Route along Volga not controlled by Swedes).

Mr. Sveen:

What kind of trade did these Norse "Rus" carry on?

Dr. Bourassa:

They probably carried on trade in furs, such as martin and sable, ivory from walrus tusks, possibly hunting hawks and certainly slaves, which were in great demand in the Arab countries.

In return they received money, cloth and other goods. It is possible that they learned the game of chess in their contact with the Arabs. This would be interesting, if true, because chess was thought to be unknown in northern Europe before about the year 1200 so that references in the sagas to Vikings playing chess were considered to be errors. However some archeological evidence does suggest the Vikings had Arabic chess pieces.

We can follow the development of trade relations because hoards of coins have been discovered in Swedish merchant towns. The coins were presumably buried to hide them from raids by rival Vikings. In the 9th century mainly Arabic coins of the Eastern Caliphate and Russian rings were found with only a few coins from western Europe. In the 10th century a great increase in Arabic silver occurred due to increased trade and probably as a result of raiding along the Caspian. In 960-970 Byzantine coins appear and by 1000 English coins predominate, probably Danegeld. But this also suggests that trade with the East was drawing to a close.

Mr. Sveen:

From what you're saying it sounds as though the Vikings were not just peaceful merchants but they also raided on their travels.

Dr. Bourassa:

The Viking traders were far from a peaceful group. An Arab traveller described a Norse trading mission pitching camp on the Volga. He remarks that the men are nobly built — as tall as palm trees, red blond. "Everyone carries an axe, a dagger, and a sword, and without these they are never seen . . ." When a son is born to one of them, he flings down a sword saying, "Only that is yours which you will with your sword."

The "Rus" took many slaves to sell in the slave markets and exacted tribute from them also. The way of life of the merchants in the Dnieper valley was described by the Byzantine Emperor Constantine Porphyrogenitus writing about 950. He said that in November the chiefs and Rus leave Kiev and go around to the Slav tribes collecting tribute. In April when the ice on the Dnieper melts they return to Kiev, fit out the river boats and travel down river to trade and to sell slaves.

Certainly the wealth of the Constantinople and Arab empires must have attracted the Vikings and several raids were made on the Arab towns along the Caspian. Sometimes with great success but more often with great loss of raiders. Many Rune stones from Sweden tell of these raids. One from near Gripsholm Castle says "Tola had this stone raised in memory of his son Harold, Ingvar's brother. Boldly they sought gold in far off lands and in the East fed the eagle; died in South in Sarkland."

Constantinople was attacked several times, but in all cases without great success. The eastern empires were too strong and too well organized for Viking raids to return much gain. Thus the Vikings settled for trade relations which were profitable and did not involve the risks of warfare. This show of force however resulted in several treaties which established trading rights. For example, in 907 Oleg led a force against Constantinople but rather than attacking the city came to terms with the Emperor. The Rus received generous gifts and the Emperor guaranteed the Vikings the right to enter their wares free of duty and to have free maintenance during their stay (supplies for 6 months, as much grain as needed, baths, etc.). Also it was stipulated that the Vikings could enter the city through only one gate and unarmed, no more than 50 at a time and they must be accompanied by an armed guard of the Emperor's troops. It was later added that the Norsemen were not to remain during the winter but must return to Russia each fall.

These precautions were undoubtedly justified because we know the west Vikings often entered a town, under the shield of peace, traded, and then returned to plunder. For example in Egil's saga, it is told how Egil and Thorolf went to Courland, "first trading but when that was ended, they took to harrying . . ." and many other examples occur.

Aside from obtaining wealth by plundering and trading, the Norse also frequently served as mercenaries. Perhaps the most famous mercenary group were the Varangian Guard of the Byzantine Emperor. The Emperors welcomed Vikings into their service as soon as they reached Constantinople. By 988 they formed a regular regiment. They were called the Varangian Guard because the 'Rus' were also known as Varangians, thus the name Varangian Guard in those times meant a Norse guard. These guards served in many areas of the world. They were well paid; it was considered highly honorable to serve in the Varangian guard. In King Harold's Saga there are tales of his adventure with the Varangian which start in Constantinople, carry him to Asia Minor, to Sicily to Jerusalem and back again to Constantinople.

Mr. Sveen:

In later programs we will talk about the decline of the Norse influence but perhaps now I might ask what seems to have made the Vikings successful in their east Viking.

Dr. Bourassa:

There are many reasons the Vikings in general were successful, and these some reasons apply to their success in East Viking. In later programs we will probably discuss these factors in detail but for now we can list a few. First trading was a dangerous business. The trading trips were long and difficult and involved carrying ships and supplies overland and navigating rivers with many rapids. There was always danger from pirates and finally the trading was done in lands which often had no laws to protect the foreign merchant.

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Therefore it took strong and able men to conduct trade and the Vikings were certainly able to protect themselves and their goods.

Secondly the Norse were adaptable people. This is seen in their technology which allowed them to build special craft suitable for river

transport and to construct fortress cities in which they could protect their trade centers. The Norse adaptability is also seen in their ability to take on the most profitable role available to them. Plundering if possible, or otherwise becoming merchants or mercenary soldiers.

Many other reasons could be given but I believe it would be better to talk about them on later programs.

Mr. Sveen:

Thank you very much, Dr. Bouassa, it has been most interesting, and we are looking forward to having you on the program again.

SOLGLYT



SPOTLIGHT

COMING EVENTS —

— Election of officers and Christmas bingo — December 3, 1969.

— Junior Lodge: Election of officers — Wednesday December 10, 1969.

The ladies' Sewing Group are busy making quilts, after the New Year will be starting on items for a bazaar. All ladies of the lodge are welcome. For further information contact Mrs. Iverson 488-7949 or Mrs. McBride 484-1667.

The Junior Lodge Rummage Sale was a big success. Thanks to all for making it possible. Rummage left over was donated to the Marion Center.

Twelve Dancers of the Mid-night Sun entertained the patients of the Alberta Hospital one evening in October.

Robert and Judy Sivertson and family, were week-end guests at the home of Mrs. Ragna Sivertson. While they were here they attended the international Cafe and Ball in connection with the United Nations Week.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hansen and family motored to Camrose to spend a week-end with Jens Hansen and family.

A group of friends surprised Kalmar and Maize Amdam on their wedding anniversary and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Betty McKevitt and her mother motored to Portland, Oregon for a few days. While there they were guests of Betty's sister and family. Betty also wants to thank all who so kindly helped in the building of her cabin this past summer at Alberta Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rikstad spent a few days visiting at Bawlf.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Reno spent Thanksgiving visiting at Provost and Consort.

Evelyn Oyen and her cousin Liv Oyen spent a week-end at Provost visiting at the ranch.

Mrs. Magna Garstad reported they enjoyed the rodeo while visiting in Calgary.

Ruth Zelensky and family had an enjoyable visit with her sister Mrs. Margaret Carroll of Port Alberni and her father Hansten Henningsmoen of Morin, who stopped off on their way back from New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Reno attended a Fiftieth wedding anniversary at Red Deer.

Evold Herstad of Vancouver was here visiting with his mother Mrs. Annie Herstad, and his sister Mrs. Alice Aslin and family.

Mrs. Halvorsen of the Sons of Norway, Dawson Creek, was a recent guest of the Royal George Hotel for a few days. She came out to the sewing meeting with Mrs. Ragna Sivertson.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Logan motored to High Prairie to visit their daughter and family, also to see their new grand-daughter.

B and H Homes won all awards in the home parade in Sherwood Park. This incidentally is the second time in a row they have won. The awards were for interior and exterior design, decorating, furnishing, and best over-all plan. The B and H Homes are owned by Henry and Oscar Venoasen.

Ellsworth Halberg reports that the charter flight to Oslo is well over half booked.

Stan Hafso would like to thank his committee consisting of: Gladys Clark, Olga McBride, Bjorn Wibe, and all those who helped on social this year to make it a success.

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Stephen Reno was hospitalized for a few days for a minor operation and is home again.

Ellsworth's mother, Alma Halberg of Ryley, Alberta, is now home from hospital.

We are also glad to hear that Betty Haugen's father is improving.

Leif Erickson Night — October 18, 1969 — After our meeting we invited the Icelandic Society to our social. Mrs. H. M. Sumarlidason showed slides of Iceland and gave us an inspiring talk on Leif Erickson. This was followed by an evening of cards and wine tasting. A delicious lunch was served by our ladies.

Valdres Night — November 8, 1969 — The members that did not come out that night missed a real evening of fun. Knut Svidal and helpers or should we say hostlers turned the Nordic Room into the Nordic Race Track complete with a paramutual table and starters. The horses, both Geldings and fillies, made a fine showing as they ran along the track waving their paper tails behind them. Paper money was used, each person starting with \$50. The couple with the highest winnings received the prizes at the end of the evening. The winners were: Elva Veis and Ted Franklin.

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WEDDING BELLS

PHILLIPS - JOHANNESSEN



The Central Lutheran Church was the scene of a lovely wedding when Ann Johannessen became the bride of Gary Richard James Phillips on October 25th. The ceremony was performed by Pastor O. Olsen. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arne J. Johannessen of Edmonton and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Phillips of Bancroft, Ontario.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, chose a white, floor-length coat and dress ensemble. The lace coat was worn over an empire waisted, white satin gown. The lace coat featured long sleeves which ended in deep ruffles, a rounded neckline and a soft fullness in the back. Her headpiece of white flowers held a delicately embroidered shoulder length veil of silk illusion. The bride's bouquet was orange roses and yellow mums.

The matron of honor, Mrs. Rita Minchau and the bridesmaid, Miss Shirley Ochs, wore identical empire waisted gowns of moss green velvet and beige organza. A green and beige embroidered band set off the high waist line. Beige shoes, elbow length gloves, tiaras of simulated rhinestone and bouquets of orange and gold mums completed the picture. The flower girl, Jeanette Crude, was a charming version of the bridesmaids except her dress and

was short and she wore a flower in her hair. Her bouquet was a beautiful basket of gold and orange mums. The ring bearer was young Erik Crude.

The mother of the bride chose a matching dress and jacket of natural raw silk linen, a petal hat of autumn shades and matching accessories. Her corsage was an orchid.

The best men were Bid Bibaud and Gordon Roline. Gordon was

Master of Ceremonies. Ushers were Jon Johannessen, brother of the bride, and Jerry Yacyshyn.

The reception and dinner were held at the Edmonton Inn with the Toast to the Bride being proposed by Gordon Roline. During the evening many songs were sung and speeches given as is the custom at Norwegian weddings. The church and reception room at the hotel were tastefully decorated with bouquets of orange and gold mums as well as the flags of Canada and Norway being displayed.

The happy couple enjoyed a short honeymoon in Banff and Jasper. They are making their home in Winterburn.

Out of town guest were: father of the groom, Henry Phillips, Bancroft, Ontario; Tony Barrett of Calgary and Mr. and Mrs. Art Patton, Vancouver, B.C.

The former Miss Ann Johannessen, now Mrs. Gary Phillips, was feted many times before her marriage in October. She was entertained at a linen shower by Shirley Ochs and Kirsten Russdal; two miscellaneous showers by Mrs. Rita Minchau and Mrs. Norman Nilsen and a luncheon hosted by Mrs. Stan Ross for the mother of the bride and bridesmaids also.

On Friday, October 10, 1969, Shirley Jean McIntosh was united in marriage to Peter Emil Hansen. The Rev. Frederick Schmidt officiated at the double ring ceremony which took place at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Delmer Melsness played the wedding music on the organ as the bride walked radiantly down the aisle. The bride's floor-length gown of Shantung silk in an off-white shade had a detachable train at the waist, and elbow length bell-shaped sleeves. In her hair she wore a tiara of pearls and crystals tear drops. She also wore small pearl ear-rings to match. Shirley carried a bouquet of deep pink baby roses on a white Bible. Brenda, the maid of honor; and Cindy, the bridesmaid; were both daughters of the bride. They wore identical floor-length gowns of emerald green velvet and beige crepe, with metallic beige shoes to match. They carried

bouquets of pink baby roses with pink rose-buds in their hair.

The groom was attended by his brother Holger Hansen of Kitimat, B.C. and Rodney Schultz. The soloist, Miss Darlene Melsness, sang, "O PERFECT LOVE", during the signing of the register. A reception and dance followed at the Scandinavian Center. Harvey Haugen acted as Master of Ceremonies. The bride's table was centered with a three-tier wedding cake which was accented by two beautiful bouquets of pink and white carnations.

Harvey Haugen proposed the toast to the bride. The groom replied with some well-chosen words. Telegrams of congratulations were received. For going away, the bride chose a checked-suit with and maroon patent accessories.

Following a honeymoon trip to the west coast the couple are residing at 9731 - 162 Street.

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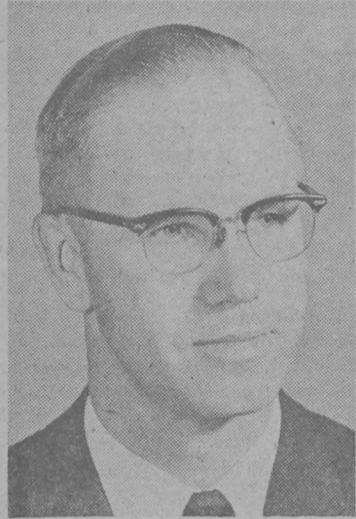
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SCANDAPADES '70 - FEB. 28

A LOOK BEHIND THE SCENES

CHAIRMAN



This tall gentleman is no stranger around the Scandinavian Centre as Ellsworth Halberg was a director when the Centre opened five years ago and is now completing the second year of his second term.

Ellsworth was born in Viking, Alberta and spent his early years there and in Ryley before moving to Edmonton where he completed his education. He was employed by the Provincial Government and has held positions in the Department of Edu-

cation, Treasury Department and is presently with the Department of Industry and Tourism as Accountant and Personnel Officer.

The former Lois Stock became Mrs. Ellsworth Halberg and they have two boys, Kenneth, age 6, and Douglas, age 5. Ellsworth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Schang Halberg, still live in Ryley.

Mr. Halberg is an active member of the Sons of Norway and has held the positions of Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-president, President and Counsellor. He has bowled with the Sons of Norway League since its inception and enjoys it immensely.

Last year, Ellsworth was on the committee for Scandapades, and was responsible for the huge success of the lower floor activities. This year he has taken on a bigger job — the Chairman of the Scandapades Committee. This means 'headaches', hours of planning, talking and meetings but Ellsworth enjoys working with people and being involved in achieving a common goal. Any assignment he undertakes is handled promptly, efficiently and in a most pleasing manner.

The Chairman hopes for our biggest Scandapades Show to date, with the five ethnic groups participating in a program of true Scandinavian culture.

DIRECTOR



Harv Haugen has agreed to be the Director for Scandapades '70 and a better choice couldn't be found! He has been actively involved with the production of Scandapades over the last two years.

His love for the theatre goes back many years having been stage manager for productions put on by Walterdale Playhouse and the Civic Music Theatre. He now holds the position of Technical Director for Walterdale Playhouse.

An active member in the Sons of

Norway, Harv has held the position of Social Director in the local lodge and he is now serving on the board of the Fourth District Lodge as Social and Publicity Director.

Mr. Haugen was born in Edmonton but shortly after his family moved to Pouce Coupe, B.C., where he started school. His education was acquired in Victoria and Dawson Creek, B.C., as well as Edmonton.

As an officer of the Alberta Government Telephones he is employed as an administrator in the General Operations Plant Staff Group. Earlier in his career he was a radio technician for Radio Supply and CFRN, a telephone equipment installer for Canadian (B.C.) Telephones and Supplies and for AGT.

The Haugens have three children — Tommy 7, Leigh 5 and Ricky 3. Mrs. Haugen is the former Betty Watson.

Harv is serving his second year as a director of the Scandinavian Centre and was instrumental in establishing the cultural activities at the Centre last winter. He feels that cultural activities must be fostered and encouraged at the Centre; this includes any form of Scandinavian expression, such as, folk dancing, singing, painting, crafts, etc.

Harv's cheerful personality and exuberance ensure a happy cast and responsive audience at Scandapades '70.

Air Hostess College Opens In Norway

Scandinavian Airlines will open a multi-national air hostess college in Sandefjord, Norway, next January.

Located at the Park Hotel, a leading Northern European health spa, the college will train hostess candidates during intensive four week programs.

From the college, the hostesses will graduate to two weeks of flight training at crew bases in Copenhagen, Oslo or Stockholm. Announcing the new school, SAS Director of Passenger Flight Service, Dan Pieschewski said the college will centralize training that up to now has been carried out at the three separate crew bases. Mr. Pieschewski added that by mixing the hostesses-to-be from the outset of their training, the school would emphasize the Scandinavian concept of SAS.

The SAS college, a boarding school, has been devised along the lines of similar American schools studied last year by the Airline's chief Danish, Norwegian, and Swedish hostesses. Courses will include training in public speaking, beauty care, and personal composure, language and speaking techniques, work routines, baby care, first aid, briefings on aviation, the company and its operations, and numerous other topics required for a hostess career.

SAS said it expects to conduct as many as five courses a year, with approximately 45 participants per course. The Airline has at present nearly 1,000 air hostesses serving on SAS routes to 90 cities and 47 countries.

Entrance qualifications for the college include; single marital status, age between 21 and 27, good knowledge of English, German and French as an addition to one of the Scandinavian languages, residency in Scandinavia, excellent health and pleasant appearance, and — preferably — experience from a service occupation and from extended living abroad.

Graduating hostesses will serve on SAS medium-range aircraft including Caravelle and DC-9 jets, with gradual advancement to intercontinental duties on long-range DC-8 Boeing 747 jetliners.

REMEMBER!

DECEMBER 31 — New Year's Eve Dance

FEBRUARY 16 — Annual Shareholders Meeting

FEBRUARY 28 — Scandapades '70

DRAWING

Remember that placemat we sent out with the paper last February. This year we will have 25,000 placemats printed again to advertise Scandapades. They will be distributed in restaurants and one will be mailed out with the February issue of the paper.

CONTEST RULES

The drawing must be black and white on 8 1/2" x 11 1/2" paper. It must be Scandinavian in nature. To be forwarded to G. C. Thorvaldson, 6012 - 101 A Avenue, Edmonton 80.

CONTEST

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FINNISH SOCIETY



Many thanks to Mrs. Sirkka Ristola who was the hostess of the November sewing circle.

The adult Christmas party will be held on Dec. 6th at the Dania Room starting at 7 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring a small gift without a name. "Joulupuuro" will be served.

Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. S. Kit for the picture frames.

—Executive,
Finnish Society.

Preliminary annual meeting will be held on Dec. 12th, 1969, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sahuri, 16112 - 104 Ave. Everyone is urged to attend.

Dec. 14 is the date for the Children's Christmas Party, also to be held in Dania Room, starting at 2:00 p.m.

Bithday greetings go out to Mrs. Anja Leino, also a belated Happy Birthday to all who celebrated in November.

Applications for Finnish Society's bursary should be sent in within a week of this publication. Children whose parents have a paid membership for 1969 are eligible. Please contact Mr. V. Leino, 13555 - 124A Ave. Ph. 454-2246 or Mr. E. Salo, 37 Gordon Cres. St. Albert, Ph. 599-7502.

Mrs. Norman Baker is working on a Finnish cook book to be published in English and has asked for recipe contributions. All those ladies wishing to contribute please send your recipes to me. 1. If you take them from a cook book, please include the following information a) name of the book, b) author of the

book, c) name of the publishing Firm. 2. If it is an old family recipe please include your written permission for its use. Recipes required are holiday, Christmas, Easter, wedding, etc., dessert recipes or any other you wish to contribute. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. S. Cumming, 13425 - 101 St. Edmonton 30.

The Finnish Society ladies have sent four parcels so far to different families, whose names have been supplied by "Kotilieden Kummikoro." Many thanks to all who have contributed towards this project.

Upon checking the membership files it was noted that there still are some unpaid membership for 1969. If yours is one of them, please, fill in this slip and mail it with your fee to Mr. P. Utunen, 10923 - 131 St. Edmonton 40, Alta.

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Finnish Society membership fees are as follows: initiation fee \$1.00 (for new members only) and regular membership fee of \$2.00 for the first person registered in a family with \$1.00 for an associate member.

HAUSKAA JOULUA — MERRY CHRISTMAS to all readers.

Sweden has a long history of neutrality. It was neutral in the First World War and also in the Second.

So far, in the Vietnam war, it has maintained its neutral attitude. It has given \$4 million to South Vietnam and \$4 million to North Vietnam.

MORE THAN 4 MILLION tourists visited Norway this summer. Most were Scandinavians, and the largest number of all came from neighboring Sweden. Germans were the second largest nationality group, but the number of tourists from the Netherlands showed the largest increase over last year, 20 per cent.

NEWS FROM THE DANISH CHURCH

December is the month for Christmas or Advent parties. In the Danish church the Ladies' Aid will have their Christmas party Wednesday the 3rd. All the husbands are invited to join — Tuesday the 9th, the Danish Young Women's Club, Ansager Men's Club, and Ungdomskredsen (younger Danes) will have a party together. All the girls and women are asked to bring a gift to a man, and all the men are asked to bring their money. — Tuesday the 16th at 7 p.m., the Young People's Group will have their party, so come and join us in December.

Family service, Sunday 14th at 2 p.m. It will be an English service for the whole family. At the service the children from the Sunday-school will sing English and Danish Christmas carols and after the service the whole congregation is invited down in the basement to a Christmas party for the Sunday-school.

Baptisms in the Danish Church — Michael Clausen, son of Palle and Bente Clausen of 9324 - 98 Ave. — Michelle Lee Ekelund, daughter of Jorgen and Jytte Ekelund of 5707 - 139 Ave. — Jacqueline Michelle Hansen daughter of Donald and Margrethe Hansen of 13003 - 132 Ave. — Lisa Lorraine Andersen daughter of Nels and Ivy Andersen of 10650 - 47 Ave. — Arnold Kruse Klostergaard son of Ove and Herdis Klostergaard of 4216 - 105 Ave.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all the many friends of the Danish Church.



DID YOU KNOW?

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DANIA DOINGS



We did not have enough members signed up at our Dance in November for a draw. However we will have a membership draw at our New Year's Dance on January 24th, so try to come. It could be you that is the lucky winner of \$40.00.

Remember the next Whistdrive on January 14th at 8:00 p.m. Come and enjoy a friendly social evening together with your friends. What about talking your friends into joining in this. We like to see a few more come out to these affairs, so we really know it is worth while to continue with these.

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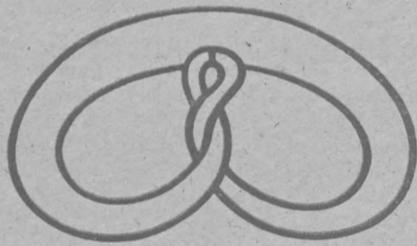
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ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

DATES TO REMEMBER —

DEC. 5 —

The executive of the Icelandic Society will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Eaman 13315 138 St. at 8 p.m. All members of the executive are expected to attend as many important items of business will be discussed.

DEC. 4 —

The ladies' group will be holding their Christmas bazaar of home baking — toys — novelties — home-made candy, etc., on the Bonnie Doon Shopping Center Mall from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. They will be looking forward to meeting you there.

DEC. 21 —

Family Christmas party and concert in the Bonnie Doon community hall from 2 - 5 p.m. An enjoyable afternoon is in store for young and old.

Special guest of the day will be Santa Claus.

Once again organizing has begun for that outstanding event of the year, Scandinavian Night, at the Jubilee Auditorium. The Icelandic Society is hoping to make a contribution to the stage performance, as well as other aspects of this very worthwhile effort, when the Famous Five join forces in bringing you Scandapades '70.

Mr. Robert Gablehouse, Motivation Psychology Consultant for Success Motivation Institute Inc., is to be congratulated on his recent appointment to Divisional Manager of Vegreville, Alberta. S.M.I. is the world's foremost leadership producer of personal motivation leadership development, and sales training recorded courses.

Mr. Gablehouse owns and operates the Vegreville Electric Hatcheries. He is married to the former Miss Rose Gislason of Athabasca and Edmonton. They have 2 daugh-

ters and 2 sons and are a very active family in community and church activities.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Hawthorne of the Good Samaritan Hospital on the death of her brother Mr. Erlandson of Wainwright, Alberta.

Mr. Barney Eyford of Hay River, N.W.T. has been discharged from the Charles Campell Hospital where he was recuperating from a fractured hip. He will be spending the winter at Blun's Nursery Home at Athabasca, Alberta.

The Icelandic Society send their greetings and best wishes to Barney for a quick return to good health.

We are pleased to report that Mrs. Walter Arason has returned home from the Misericordia Hospital where she underwent surgery.

Birthday Greetings to —

Honorary Life Member Mrs. O.T. Johnson of the Good Samaritan home, as she celebrates her birthday Dec. 28.

Dr. and Mrs. Jon Thorhallson have taken up residence at Red Deer, Alberta where Dr. Thorhallson has accepted a position at the Red Deer Junior College.

Miss Shirley Thorsteinson will be spending the Christmas and New Year's holidays with her parents at Husavik, Manitoba while there she will be attending her cousins wedding on Dec. 27 in Winnipeg.

Mrs. Alex Mitchell spent a few days visiting with her mother Mrs. Berigros Palsson of Dawson Creek, B.C. Mrs. Palsson resides at Rotary Harbour Lodge in Dawson Creek.

Mr. Bryce Mitchell attended the Motel Convention on Nov. 14 held in the town of Peace River.

Our congratulations go to Mrs. Ruth Florence, on her recent promotion to Chief Operator of Edmonton Telephones. Mrs. Florence is the daughter of the late Mrs. Margaret Smith who was a Honorary Life Member of the Icelandic Society.

The Icelandic Society take pleasure in extending through this column, Season's Greetings to all members and friends of the Scandinavian association.

Mr. and Mrs. William G. Halldorson attended the funeral of Mr. Halldorson's mother, Mrs. Kristin Halldorson, in the Lutheran Church, Lundar, Manitoba. Burial took place at Lundar for the 87 year old pioneer of the district.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Johnson and three children Gary, Ronda Lee and Melanie recently moved to Edmonton from Alton, Ontario. Their address is 12950 - 128 St., Edmonton 44. Ron is the eldest son of Mrs. Myrtle Johnson, now of Winnipeg and the late Kari Johnson of Oak Point, Manitoba.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rousseau and baby daughter were weekend guests of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leif Oddson in Nov., prior to Mr. Rousseau's new posting to the air base at Trenton, Ont.

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'NORTHERN LIGHTS' - NEWEST S-N LODGE ON 4th DISTRICT

Early in August this year things were really happening in the Peace River country. Our new regional manager Brother Sig Sorenson and his lovely wife, Selma, were hustling and bustling around Valhalla, Sexsmith, Clairmont, LaGlace, and Grande Prairie, drinking gallons of good Norwegian coffee and eating pounds of Krum Kake. All this bustle and activity resulted in the signing up of 240 new members in the Sons of Norway. At the same time things were also happening in Edmonton. The Ladies' Drill Team under the direction of Sister Clara Lineham were busy week after week perfecting their drills.

The Dancers of the Mid-night Sun were also polishing up their Norwegian Dances, not to mention Supreme Director, Knut Svidal; Fourth District Social Director, Harv Haugen; and President Joe Lineham, busy drawing up an agenda for the big day in the Peace country. Forming the new Lodge entailed looking after 101 details.

At last the big day arrived when on the morning of October 25th a Greyhound bus pulled up to the Scandinavian Center and forty-three people climbed aboard. This number consisted of officers and wives, members of the Drill Team, Dancers and other members. In addition to the bus three cars went along all to arrive in Grande Prairie at 5:00

p.m. We all unloaded at St. Paul's United Church Hall and immediately went to work preparing for the institution of the new lodge.

At 9:00 p.m. Brother Sig Sorenson extended greetings to the 300 people gathered there and then the gavel was turned over to President Joe Lineham who opened the meeting and with the assistance of the Ladies' Drill Team initiated 140 new members into Sons of Norway. Following this we were treated to a very fine display of precision drilling by the Solgylt Ladies' Drill Team. Then Brother Sig Sorenson held an election of Officers for the new Lodge. These newly elected officers were then installed into office by Supreme Director Knut Svidal. Those elected to office were:

President, Bert Strand
Vice-Pres. Magnus Evenrude
Counsellor, Ingmar Haugseth
Recording Secr. Shirley Olson
Assist.-Sec. Solveig Nordhagen
Treasurer, Tom Wessel
Financial Sec. Sonja Orland
Marshall, Stanley Haugseth
Assist.-Marshall, Gabriel Risa
Social Director, Myra Haugseth
Inner Guard, Isak Skjaveland
Outer Guard, Albert Nelson
Trustee — Bernard Liland (3),
Jens Orland (2), Palmer Nordhagen (1).
Musical Director, Lauren Johnson
Appointed Officers — Harold Olson

(auditors) Ken Hansen, Orlo Bangen.

Following the installation the institution of the Lodge was very capably handled by Fourth District Social Director, Harv Haugen. At this time Brother Joe Lineham had the very pleasant duty of presenting the new lodge with a set of five officers' stands, a gift from Solgylt Lodge. Then came the very important task of choosing a name for the new lodge. Many good names were suggested and voted on but the name chosen by the majority was "Northern Lights".

During the evening the Dancers of the Mid-night Sun, Juniors under the direction of Warren Clark, and the Seniors under the direction of Clara Lineham, performed authentic Norwegian Folk Dances for the enjoyment of the crowd. The evening wound up with a delicious lunch of Norwegian Baking and coffee served by the very capable ladies of Solgylt Lodge. It was now 1:00 a.m. and time to load into our Greyhound bus for the return trip to Edmonton. All the way home we kept ourselves entertained with Warren Clark on the accordion. We sang all the way home arriving at the Scandinavian Center at 6:30 a.m. Needless to say a good time was had by all.

— BUFORD NEWS —

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Johnson from Fargo, North Dakota and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Peterson were visitors at the home of Tillie and Emil Kvarnberg.

Lloyd and Angela Pearson motored to Banff on Thanksgiving weekend and stopped for a visit at Vernon Ericksons on their return trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Sandstrom have moved into their new home in Leduc with their son Allan tak-

ing over their farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthon Falk have left their farm and moved into Devon.

Congratulations to Janet Pearson for winning the Junior Chamber of Commerce Award for the highest marks in grade 10 in Calmar School for last term.

Frank and Gerda Erickson had their son Ronny and his family visiting with them.

Frank Erickson is now assistant caretaker in the Curling Rink in Leduc.

Goody Pearson is home again following a short stay in the Leduc hospital.

There was some nominating done at our last meeting, now lets have a good turnout of members for election night.

God Jul och Gott Nytt År.

PAGAN YULETIDE RITES ADD COLOR TO SWEDEN'S MID-WINTER FESTIVAL

Winter darkness fell in mid-November, and the snow a month later. The men were rested after their summer voyages to England and Muscovy; the women, after the harvest in the fields. But the days were bleak and misty and the nights dark and cold. The midwinter festival was sorely needed to brighten up a dreary season and to induce the return of the sun. Such was the setting for pagan Sweden's ancient Yuletide celebrations.

The Lucia Festival, itself of pagan origin, is the first important celebration marking Sweden's long and colourful Christmas season. Lucia, Queen of Light, symbolizes the light that will return after the weeks of winter darkness.

In Sweden's pagan festival season, the temple of Uppsala was the scene of sacrifices made to the gods. In homesteads throughout the Swedish lands, pigs and cattle were readied for the giant roasts, strong ale was brewed and fat foods prepared for the great feasts.

The Yule table was laid with great care. The main dish was the roasted pig, piously reminiscent of the boar named Saerimner who was eaten by the gods each night and resurrected from the dead each morning.

With it was blood sausage and

blood pie, head cheese and pig's feet; tasty, nourishing and necessary in an age when economy declared that nothing must be wasted.

With the ale was mulled wine from the south, seasoned with cinnamon and cardamom and other exotic spices brought in by Frisian and Arab traders in exchange for north-country furs. It was a new-fangled drink and the older men may have considered it unmanly.

Trolls and evil powers held sway while the sun was away in the south. Hell wolves howled in the blizzard and the little people planned nasty tricks in the cracks and nooks of the timbered walls.

Not even the bravest of the war captains would fight such beings. He preferred to pacify them with a bowl of porridge and a mug of ale, discreetly tucked away under the porch.

The midwinter celebration was indeed a great feast, even greater than the midsummer festival when the sun stood high and the trees and pastures were green.

A thousand years have passed but the Yuletide celebration — now Christian in name and function — still is a major holiday for the Swedes.

Gone are the sacrifices at Uppsala Temple, gone are the brooding troll

and evil spirits. But the magnificent table remains.

The roasted pig — reduced to a huge baked ham in most Swedish homes — remains at the center of the table and the sausage, the head cheese and the pig's feet still have their given place in the periphery.

The sweet dark Christmas ale is still complemented with mulled spiced wine, the famous Swedish "gloegg", and its preparation is still quite a ritual.

And in the countryside, a bowl of porridge may still be tucked under the porch — not to pacify the evil spirits but to treat the benevolent "Jultomten" or Father Christmas who brings gifts to well-behaved children.

The women bake for weeks ahead, — cookies, cakes, gingerbread houses and the like — all for that giant Christmas spread, the smorgasbord. Pickled herring, cheeses, sausages and "lutfisk", that powerful fish that's been treated in lye, all make up the feast.

It's a great moment to behold. The "Jultomten" arrives, the eyes of the children light up and the heathen glory fades away from the splendid Christmas table. It is the festival of the Child that is celebrated — in Sweden as in the rest of the world.

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A small boy paused in his play with a young friend to watch his older brother run around the car and open the door for his steady girl. The youngster turned sadly to his buddy, "Ronnie always has to do that. She's pretty but not very strong."

Jack — "Paul, why are you running the steam roller over the field?"

Paul — "I thought it would be nice if we raised mashed potatoes this year."

A husband came home from the office one evening to find the whole house in a dreadful mess.

"What happened?" he exclaimed to his wife.

"You're always wondering what I do all day," she said. "Well, here it is, I didn't do it."

STOCKING STUFFING

A small Chrisntas stocking stuffed with both edible and non-edible treasures is a fine welcome offering to youngsters who come calling during the holidays.

Nuts in the shell, a candy cane, perhaps a felt Christmas tree ornament, and an extra-special cookie are "stuffers" sure to please.

One legend of the Christmas stocking dates back to the fourth century and the real Santa Claus, St. Nicholas. Nicholas was very wealthy and was disposed to giving away gold to needy families in unorthodox ways. One night, it seems, Nicholas tossed some gold down a chimney, where it fell into a stocking hung there to dry.

Present-day Saint Nicks don't fill stockings with gold, but cookies can be as welcome as gold coins. Wrap the cookies in plastic film or give them an overwrap of gold foil to keep with tradition. Just be sure the topping is cool before wrapping them.

GLOEGG

(You don't pronounce it, you just go 'Gloegg').

Age-old secret family recipe for the traditional Swedish Christmas drink.

1 quart of red wine (need not be the expensive kind)
4 oz. of raisins
4 oz. of peeled almonds
6 pieces of cardamom (peeled, available at least from drug-gists. Important).
4 pieces of cloves
2 sticks of cinnamon
1/2 lb. of sugar

Mix, heat, but don't boil. Just before serving, add 1/2 quart of alcohol, whiskey/blanc or a fifth of cognac and set on fire when you bring the bowl in. Very impressive (both to look at and taste). Serve in coffee cups with spoons for raisins and almonds.

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Soccer Club

DANIA SOCCER CLUB held their General Meeting in October at the Home of Ole Jensen. 12 members attended, the following was elected to serve:

President, Per Nielsen.

Secretary, Ole Jensen

Treasurer, Tage Aaquist

Substitute, Soren Tottrup

Substitute, Jens Woller

The Club did good this summer with more players than in previous years.

There will be no indoor soccer Tournaments this winter, as the members felt the price was too high.

After New Year practicing will begin in a school gym and hope every one will turn up and maybe bring some new ones with them. For information phone Ole Jensen 475-2211.

NORDSTJARNAN NEWS

Our November 1 meeting was held at the home of Br. Cliff Robbins. A Committee was put in charge of arrangements for the Lutefisk Supper. Owing to the Supper being scheduled for our regular meeting night of December 6, it was necessary to change our December meeting to November 29. This will be held at the home of Sr. Tillie Sjoberg at 8:30 p.m. Further nominations and election of officers will be part of the business. A donation of \$50.00 was made towards the purchase of crests for the Falun Pee-Wees who captured the 1969 provincial title. Br. Harry Holmlund was coach of this young boys' fastball team. Following the meeting, Br. Paul Bloedel was in charge of entertainment which was very amusing.

April 18 has been reserved for the 1970 District Bowling Tournament to be held in Wetaskiwin. Br. George Sjogren was named to head the Bowling Committee. Further details will be announced later.

The Children's Christmas Party will be held at Lone Ridge Hall on Sunday afternoon, December 14, commencing at 1 p.m.

Sr. Rose Gabrielson underwent surgery during October and we are happy to report that she has been coming along fine now. Another member who has been hospitalized recently is Sr. Tillie Sjoberg. Glad to hear that it was a short stay.

Br. and Sr. Remin left by Air Canada for a two-week vacation with their daughter Lillian and family in New Jersey, U.S.A.

At the present time, Sr. Annie Holmlund and Sr. Mabel Tapio are attending a three-day A H Convention in Edmonton.

Remember the Lutefisk and Meatball Supper to be held at the Moose Hall in Wetaskiwin on December 6 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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